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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS REPORT-COLOMBIA (AUG-SEP 1975)

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REF: BOGOTA 7893 AND 9649 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: NATIONAL POLICE AND DAS HAVE UPDATED ARREST AND SEIZURE STATISTICS FOR NARCOTICS. USIS COMPLETED FILMING ON 30-MINUTE DRUG MOVIE, AND BEGAN PRODUCTION OF TV NARCOTICS DOCUMENTARY. MEXICO AND COLOMBIA SIGNED NARCOTICS COOPERATION AGREEMENT. MISSION AND GOC TO SIGN THREE NEW NARCOTICS CONTROL PROJECT AGREEMENTS. ENDS SUMMARY.

1. ABUSE. NO CHANGE. SEE BOGOTA 7893 FOR PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF GOC MINHEALTH'S CONTINUING STUDY OF DRUG USE PATTERNS IN COLOMBIA.

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2. PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING. NO CHANGE FROM PREVIOUSLY.

3. TRAFFICKING TRENDS. NO CHANGE

4. ENFORCEMENT.

A. DURING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 15THROUGH SEP 15, DEA BOGOTA COOPERATED WITH GOC ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN CASES INVOLVING SEIZURES OF OVER 5700 GRAMS OF COCAINE, 110 TONS OF MARIJUANA, 10 KILOS OF COCAINE PASTE, AND ONE CLANDESTINE LABORATORY.

B. THE NATIONAL POLICE (F-2) NARCOTICS UNIT REPORTS THE FOLLOWING NARCOTICS ARREST AND SEIZURE STATISTICS FOR JAN THROUGH SEPT 1975.

COCAINE ARRESTS		COCAINE SEIZURES	
COLOMBIANS	FOREIGNERS		
138	29	116 KGS	

MARIJUANA ARRESTS		MARIJUANA SEIZURES	
COLOMBIANS	FOREIGNERS		
787	10	290 METRIC TONS	

MARIJUANA HECTARES DESTROYED: 110

C. THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SECURITY (DAS) REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DRUG ARREST AND SEIZURE STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUG 1975;

ARESTS		SEIZURES	
COLOMBIANS	FOREIGNERS	COCAINE	MARIJUANA
520	196	461 KGS	101 METRIC TONS

5. TREATMENT/REHABILITATION/EDUCATION: USIS HAS COMPLETED FILMING A 30-MINUTE COLOR DOCUMENTARY ON THE DRUG PROBLEM IN COLOMBIA. THE FILM

, SLATED FOR WORLD-WIDE DISTRIBUTION, SHOULD BE READY FOR RELEASE EARLY IN 1976. USIS BOGOTA HAS BEGUN PRODUCTION ON A 30-MINUTE TV DOCUMENTARY FOR LOCAL DISTRIBUTION OUTLINING THE PROBLEMS COLOMBIA FACES AS A MAJOR PROCESSOR AND EXPORTER OF ILLEGAL COCAINE. USIS BOGOTA CONTINUES TO SUPPORT (IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GOC NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DANGEROUS DRUGS) A SERIES OF LOCAL SEMINARS ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE DRUG PROBLEM. THE MOST RECENT SEMINAR OF THIS NATURE WAS HELD IN MEDELLIN IN AUG; OTHER SEMINARS ARE SCHEDULED FOR CARTAGENA AND BOGOTA IN OCTOBER.

6. TRAINING; A DEA MOBILE TRAINING TEAM GAVE A TWO-WEEK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NARCOTICS INTERDICTION COURSE IN BOGOTA FOR 45 DAS AGENTS. THE COURSE, THE FOURTH OFFERED HERE IN 1975, TOOK PLACE IN EARLY SEPT.

7. REGIONAL AND MULTINATIONAL COOPERATION; COLOMBIA AND MEXICO HAVE CONCLUDED AN EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN DRUG ABUSE CONTROL PROGRAMS.

8. MISSION AND HOST GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES: THE MISSION EXPECTS TO SIGN DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER THREE NEW NARCOTICS PROJECT AGREEMENTS WITH A TOTAL VALUE OF 397,000 DOLLARS. SIGNING OF THESE AGREEMENTS HAS BEEN DELAYED PENDING APPROVAL BY PRESIDENT LOPEZ(BOGOTA 9649). THE AGREEMENTS PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, GOC CUSTOMS AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DAGEROUS DRUGS. UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE RECENTLY-APPOINTED MINISTER OF JUSTICE, THE GOC NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DANGEROUS DRUGS IS EXPANDING ITS PROFESSIONAL STAFF TO INCLUDE A PSYCHOLOGIST, EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST, STATISTICIAN, PSYCHIATRIST AND LIBRARIAN. THE COUNCIL IS ALSO IMPLEMENTING A JULY 1975 DECREE GOVERNING DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY SEIZED FROM DRUG TRAFFICKERS. A RECENT COUNCIL ACTION AWARDED TO DAS OWNERSHIP OF A US-REGISTERED C-46 ARICRAFT SEIZED FROM MARIJUANA SMIGGLERS.

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